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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BROWNSVILLE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, EX)
REL. MICHAEL N. SWETNAM, JR.)
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Plaintiff,)
) CASE NO. 1:08-CV-446
VS.)
)
VALLEY BAPTIST HEALTH)
SYSTEM AND VALLEY BAPTIST)
MEDICAL CENTER)
)
Defendants.)

VIDEOTAPED ORAL DEPOSITION
OF MICHAEL N. SWETNAM
OCTOBER 28, 2014

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22 Now, we were talking a minute ago about the
23 excess of loss program or XOL. Can you tell me how you recall
24 that program coming about?

25 A Yes, sir. In 1993 there was a meeting between Ben

1 McKibbens, myself, David Smith, Eric Six, Ward Cook and the
2 two Dr. Martins at Valley Baptist Medical Center to discuss
3 the physicians' malpractice crisis. And that's how that
4 program came about. We were talking about it at that meeting.

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24 Q So this -- in this meeting you're discussing the
25 crisis relating to malpractice -- medical malpractice coverage

1 in Texas?

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21 Q And was a decision made at this meeting to go with
22 the XOL option?

23 A Yes. That's the meeting that Ben McKibbens told me
24 to go to New York and find stop loss insurance for it.

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17 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE
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21 I, Dawn Flippin, Certified Shorthand Reporter in and for
22 the State of Texas, hereby certify to the following:

23 That the witness, MICHAEL N. SWETNAM, was duly sworn by
24 the officer and that the transcript of the oral deposition is
25 a true record of the testimony given by the witness;

That the deposition transcript was duly submitted on
_____, 2014, to the witness for examination,
signature and return to me by _____, 2014;

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